

**IC 20-42-3****Chapter 3. Seminary Township School Fund****IC 20-42-3-1****Application**

Sec. 1. This chapter applies in a county that has a seminary township school fund.

*As added by P.L.2-2006, SEC.165.*

**IC 20-42-3-2****"Account"**

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "account" refers to the seminary lands school account established under section 8 of this chapter.

*As added by P.L.2-2006, SEC.165.*

**IC 20-42-3-3****"Fund"**

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to a seminary township school fund established under section 5 of this chapter.

*As added by P.L.2-2006, SEC.165.*

**IC 20-42-3-4****"Seminary land"**

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "seminary land" means land dedicated to the inhabitants of a township by the Northwest Territory Ordinance of 1787 for educational purposes.

*As added by P.L.2-2006, SEC.165.*

**IC 20-42-3-5****Establishment of fund**

Sec. 5. There is established in any township containing seminary land a fund to be known as the seminary township school fund.

*As added by P.L.2-2006, SEC.165.*

**IC 20-42-3-6****Source of fund balance**

Sec. 6. The fund consists of all money received before August 18, 1969, from the rental of seminary lands.

*As added by P.L.2-2006, SEC.165.*

**IC 20-42-3-7****Administrator**

Sec. 7. The administrator of the fund is the trustee of the township in which the seminary lands are located.

*As added by P.L.2-2006, SEC.165.*

**IC 20-42-3-8****Deposit; public depository**

Sec. 8. (a) The fund shall be deposited in a commercial bank or other institution authorized by law to receive public money.

(b) The account into which the fund is deposited must be an interest paying account. The trustee shall annually take the interest from the fund and deposit the interest into a separate bank account known as the seminary lands school account maintained by the trustee for purposes of this chapter.

(c) The trustee shall also deposit in the account:

(1) forty percent (40%); or

(2) two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500);

whichever is greater, each year of the annual rental received from seminary lands.

*As added by P.L.2-2006, SEC.165.*

### **IC 20-42-3-9**

#### **Distribution of revenue; school corporations**

Sec. 9. (a) Both:

(1) sixty percent (60%) of the annual rental received from seminary lands; and

(2) the interest received from the fund created by the proceeds from the lease or sale of seminary lands;

shall be paid each year by the trustee to the school corporations in the county in which seminary lands are located.

(b) The amount paid each year under this section shall be credited on a pro rata basis to the school property tax obligations of the owners of land in the township containing the seminary land. The school property tax obligation of the owners of land shall be reduced each year on a pro rata basis by the amount of the payment.

*As added by P.L.2-2006, SEC.165.*

### **IC 20-42-3-10**

#### **Uses; educational purposes**

Sec. 10. The trustee, with the advice and consent of the township board, shall use the account for the following educational purposes:

(1) Each year the trustee shall pay to the parent or legal guardian of any child whose residence is within the township, the initial cost for the rental of textbooks used in any elementary or secondary school that has been accredited by the state. The reimbursement for the rental of textbooks shall be for the initial yearly rental charge only. Textbooks subsequently lost or destroyed may not be paid for from this account.

(2) Students who are residents of the township for the last two (2) years of their secondary education and who still reside within the township are entitled to receive financial assistance in an amount not to exceed an amount determined by the trustee and the township board during an annual review of higher education fees and tuition costs of post-high school education at any accredited college, university, junior college, or vocational or trade school. Amounts to be paid to each eligible student shall be set annually after this review. The amount paid each year must be:

(A) equitable for every eligible student without regard to

race, religion, creed, sex, disability, or national origin; and  
(B) based on the number of students and the amount of funds  
available each year.

(3) A person who has been a permanent resident of the township continuously for at least two (2) years and who needs educational assistance for job training or retraining may apply to the trustee of the township for financial assistance. The trustee and the township board shall review each application and make assistance available according to the need of each applicant and the availability of funds.

(4) If all the available funds are not used in any one (1) year, the unused funds shall be retained in the account by the trustee for use in succeeding years.

*As added by P.L.2-2006, SEC.165.*

#### **IC 20-42-3-11**

##### **Bond**

Sec. 11. The bond required by law for the trustee shall be increased by an amount equal to the sum of the fund and the average annual rental income from the seminary lands.

*As added by P.L.2-2006, SEC.165.*

#### **IC 20-42-3-12**

##### **Audit**

Sec. 12. All funds and accounts provided in this chapter and the accumulation of the funds and accounts shall be periodically audited and examined in the same manner provided by law for public money.

*As added by P.L.2-2006, SEC.165.*

#### **IC 20-42-3-13**

##### **Duty to maintain seminary lands**

Sec. 13. All expenditures and payments made under this chapter shall be made only after necessary expenditures to protect and maintain the seminary lands in a good and safe condition are first made from the annual rental income.

*As added by P.L.2-2006, SEC.165.*